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Application of: E. HEBERT et al.

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For:

MULTILAYER GOLF BALL WITH A

THIN THERMOSET OUTER LAYER

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 25, 2000, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and remarks into the record of the above-identified application prior to examination thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

(New) A method of forming a golf ball comprising the steps of: 28. forming a solid core;

forming an inner cover layer having a first shore D hardness and having an outer diameter of at least 1.58 inches;

casting an outer cover layer made from a material having a second shore D hardness less than the first.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the outer cover layer has a hardness from about 30 to about 60 shore D.

(New) The method of claim 29 wherein the outer cover layer has a hardness 30. from about 40 to about 60 shore D.

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